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SUBJECT: ODUBER ON FERITACA, NAMUCAR AND OTHER ISSUES OF THE DAY

1. COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ODUBER VISITED EL SALVADOR NOV.
12-13. HE INAUGURATED FERTICA'S NEW \$8 MILLION AMMONIUM SUP-
PHATE PLANT, GRACED CEREMONIES MARKING COSTA RICA DAY AT THE VII
EL SALVADOR INTERNATIONAL FAIR AND VISITED VARIOUS DEVELOP-
MENT PROJECTS. HE COMMENTED ON VARIOUS ISSUES TO THE PRESS
AS FOLLOWS:

2. FERTICA. ODUBER COMMENTED THAT CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS
HAVE STILL NOT DECIDED ON PURCHASE OF FERTICA FERTILIZER PLANTS
IN CENTRAL AMERICA. HE SAID FURTHER CONSIDERATION MUST AWAIT
THE INSTALLATION OF NEW MEXICAN GOVERNMENT DECEMBER 1. (FERTICA,
FERTILIZERS OF CENTRAL AMERICA, IS A SUBSIDIARY OF GUANOS
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Y FERTILIZANTES DE MEXICO, A MEXICAN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED

COMPANY)

3. NAMSMAR (CARIBBEN MULTINATIONAL SHIPPING LINE). ODUBER SAID GOCR WAS SATISFIED WITH MANUCAR. HE NOTED IT WAS TIME THAT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAD THEIR OWN MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES. DENYING THAT NAMUCAR WAS A "MEANS OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION", HE SAID THAT 11 COUNTRIES BESIDES CUBA WERE MEMBERS AND THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS WERE PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF JUDGING THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP. NAMUCAR IS A STRICTLY COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE AND THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE AWARE OF ITS BENEFITS. EL DIARIO DE HOY COMMENTED: "NAMUCAR IS A SHIPPING LINE ORGANIZED BY FIDEL CASTRO".

4. TRATADO MARCO. ODUBER COMMENTED THAT THE TRATADO MARCO MUST BE A "FLEXIBLE" INSTRUMENT, ABLE TO ADAPT TO CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REALITY. HE SAID THAT BY JANUARY, 1977, GOVERNMENTS MUST HAVE CONCRETE IDEAS ON HOW TO RESUSCITATE THE COMMON MARKET, SINCE CURRENT SITUATION IS DAMAGING THEIR ECONOMIES.

5. COSTA RICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. ODUBER DECLINED TO INDICATE A PREFERENCE FOR FACIO OR HERNAN GARRON IN COSTA RICAN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, NOTING THAT HE WAS "ONLY AN OBSERVER".

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